## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

KAMON ROSS, \*

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Plaintiff, \*

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v. \* Case No. 1:22-cv-1955-WMR

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A&G JONES BRIDGE, LLC, \*

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Defendant. \*

## JOINT STIPULATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONSENT DECREE AND TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE

Plaintiff, KAMON ROSS ("Plaintiff") and Defendant A&G JONES BRIDGE, LLC, ("Defendant") (collectively, the "Parties") hereby file the foregoing Joint Stipulation seeking the Court's Approval of the Parties' Consent Decree and to Dismiss the instant matter with Prejudice. In support thereof, the Parties show the Court as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff filed the instant lawsuit alleging that a certain Facility and Property owned and/or operated by Defendant (as defined in Plaintiff's Complaint, Doc. 1) violated Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq.*
- 2. The matters raised by Plaintiff's Complaint have been amicably resolved in accordance with the Consent Decree ("Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 3. The Consent Decree attached to the foregoing Stipulation as Exhibit A represents an agreement in which Defendant has undertaken to modify the Facility

and Property at issue in this case to conform to the 2010 ADAAG standards to the maximum readily achievable extent, promoting wheelchair accessibility for disabled individuals, and is in the public interest. "District courts should approve consent decrees so long as they are not unconstitutional, unlawful, unreasonable, or contrary to public policy." *Stovall v. City of Cocoa*, 117 F.3d 1238, 1240 (11th Cir. 1997).

- 4. As such, Plaintiff has in part brought this action in the interest of similarly situated disabled persons in his community, and the Parties have entered the Agreement with the intent of precluding unnecessary and duplicative future litigation concerning the same claims. *See Harty v. Ehden, N.V.*, 2012 WL 2312044 (S.D. Fla. 2012).
- 5. The Court has previously entered an order administratively closing the case.

  The Parties request that the Court re-open this matter to process this submittal. The Parties also request the Court review, approve and ratify the Agreement.
- 6. Additionally, the Parties request the Court retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the Agreement. *See American Disability Ass'n, Inc. v. Chmielarz*, 289 F.3d 1315, 1320 (11th Cir. 2002) ("[I]f the district court either incorporates the terms of a settlement into its final order of dismissal *or* expressly retains jurisdiction to enforce a settlement, it may thereafter enforce the terms of the parties' agreement").
- 7. This Agreement is conditioned upon the Court's retaining jurisdiction to enforce said Agreement.

- 8. As part of the Agreement reached between the Parties, they have agreed to dismiss this case with prejudice. Accordingly, the Parties request, upon the Court's review, approval and ratification of the Agreement, that this action be dismissed with prejudice.
- 9. Except as otherwise stated in the Agreement, each party shall bear their own fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court enter an Order approving the attached Agreement, dismissing the claims asserted by Plaintiff against Defendant with prejudice, and retaining jurisdiction to enforce the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted this \_16<sup>th</sup>\_\_ day of March, 2023.

\_/s/ John C. Amabile\_\_\_\_

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 16, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing Notice of Settlement with the Clerk of District Court, Northern District of Georgia, via the Court Clerk's CM/ECF system, resulting in a true and correct copy of the same to be delivered to the following:

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/s/ Julie McCollister
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## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 5.1

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing document has been prepared in accordance with the font type and margin requirements of Local Rule 5.1 of the Northern District of Georgia, using a font type of Times New Roman and a font size of 14.

\_/s/ Julie McCollister\_\_\_\_\_
Julie McCollister